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In re Application of:  
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PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Applicant claims priority to the following applications:

British patent application No. 9823463.6, filed October 28, 1998

British patent application No. 9920460.4, filed August 31, 1999

International Application PCT/GB99/03518, filed October 28, 1999

This priority claim is referenced in the accompanying amendment to the specification and application data sheet. The amendment to the specification is submitted to reflect the Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, which was made in the Inventor Declaration filed July 27, 2001 and to claim priority to the PCT filed international application (PCT/GB99/03518). Priority to the two British applications was properly claimed in the PCT application (PCT/GB99/03518),

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and certified copies of both British applications were submitted to the International Bureau during prosecution of the PCT application.

The entire delay between the date the priority claim was due under paragraph (a)(2) of 37 CFR §1.78 and the date the priority claim above is being filed was unintentional.

It is not clear from the rules whether this petition is necessary.<sup>1</sup> If, however, this petition is required to obtain the benefit of the priority applications, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct \$1,240.00 from Deposit Account 01-2508/11783.0017.

If any other fees are required in connection with this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account 01-2508/11783.0017.

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>1</sup> A call was made to the PCT Helpdesk at the USPTO, and a PTO representative was of the opinion that no amendment to the specification was necessary, and that the priority claims would carry through from the PCT application. However, the current rule under 37 USC §1.78 suggests that a priority claim in the specification in the specification or data sheet is necessary.